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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

SOUTH DAKOTA: Producers in South Dakota intend to plant an additional 300,000 acres of soybeans this year. Increased acreage is also expected in durum wheat, oats, sorghum and all hay, while corn, spring wheat, sunflower, and barley planting intentions are down. Any planting changes due to weather or other factors will be accounted for when actual plantings are obtained in early June.

Soybean plantings are expected to total 4.70 million acres, up 7 percent from last year's record of 4.40 million acres. Intentions are for seeding genetically modified soybeans on 77 percent of the acres, compared to 68 percent last year.

Corn plantings are expected to be 4.10 million acres, down 5 percent from 2000. Producers plan to plant 46 percent of these acres to genetically modified (GM) corn varieties. Producers intend to plant 29 percent of the acres to insect resistant (Bt) varieties, down from 35 percent last year. Herbicide resistant varieties are expected to be used on 14 percent of the acres, compared to 11 percent in 2000, while stacked gene varieties will account for only 3 percent of the acres, versus 2 percent a year earlier.

Sunflower acreage is expected to be down 12 percent from last year. **Oil sunflowers** will be down 14 percent from 2000. **Non-oil sunflowers** will be up 25 percent from 2000.

Winter wheat acres seeded last fall totaled 1.30 million acres, down 4 percent from the previous estimate, and also down 4 percent from last year. **Other spring wheat** seeding intentions are at 1.55 million acres, down 6 percent from 2000's 1.65 million acres. **Durum wheat** seeding intentions, at 25,000 acres, are up 25 percent from last year.

Oats to be seeded, estimated at 370,000 acres, are up 6 percent from 2000. **Barley** seedings, estimated at 90,000 acres, are down 22 percent from 2000. **Dry edible bean** planting intentions, estimated at 11,000 acres, remains unchanged from last year.

UNITED STATES: Corn growers intend to plant 76.7 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000, and down 1 percent from 1999. **Soybean** producers intend to plant 76.7 million acres in 2001, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest planted area for soybeans on record. **Sorghum** plantings are expected to total 9.37 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. **All wheat** planted area is expected to total 60.3 million acres in 2001. This is down 4 percent from 2000 and the lowest level since 1973. Area planted to **durum wheat** is intended to total 3.46 million acres, down 12 percent from 2000. The 2001 **other spring wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 15.5 million acres, up 2 percent from last year.

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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 2001

Crop	South Dakota				United States			
	Planted (Actual)		Intentions	2001 as % of 2000	Planted (Actual)		Intentions	2001 as % of 2000
	1999	2000	2001 1/		1999	2000	2001 1/	
	- - Thousand Acres - -			Percent	- - Thousand Acres - -			Percent
All corn	3,600	4,300	4,100	95	77,386	79,545	76,693	96
All sorghum	200	180	190	106	9,288	9,195	9,368	102
Oats	320	350	370	106	4,673	4,477	4,425	99
Barley	80	115	90	78	5,194	5,844	5,321	91
Soybeans	4,100	4,400	4,700	107	73,730	74,496	76,657	103
Durum wheat	55	20	25	125	4,035	3,937	3,462	88
Other spring wheat	1,750	1,650	1,550	94	15,348	15,244	15,501	102
All sunflower	920	740	650	88	3,553	2,792	2,732	98
All hay 2/	4,000	4,050	4,200	104	63,220	59,854	63,771	107
Dry edible beans 3/	NA	11.0	11.0	100	2,023.0	1,756.2	1,452.9	83

1/ Intended plantings as indicated by reports from farmers. 2/ Intended harvested acreage. 3/ South added to the Estimating Program starting in 2000.



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HOGS & PIGS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The state's March 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs was 1.30 million head, up 6 percent from a year ago but 2 percent below last quarter.

Breeding stock totaled 135,000 head, up 8 percent from the record low last March. **Market hogs** totaled 1,165,000 head, up 5 percent from last year.

The December through February **pig crop** was 570,000 head, up 10 percent from 516,000 last year. During the quarter 64,000 sows farrowed, up 10 percent from 2000. Pigs per litter averaged 8.9, the same as the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 66,000 sows during March through May, 6 percent above the actual farrowings a year ago. Intentions for June through August are 65,000 sows, 5 percent above the actual farrowings a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2001, was 58.8 million head. This was 2 percent above March 2000, but 1 percent below December 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was up 1 percent from March 1, 2000, but down slightly from December 1, 2000. **Market hog inventory**, at 52.5 million head, was 2 percent above last year, but 1 percent below last quarter.

The December 2000-February 2001 U.S. **pig crop**, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent more than 2000, but 1 percent less than 1999. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 45 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.78 pigs saved per litter for the December 2000-February 2001 period, compared to 8.76 pigs last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the March-May 2001 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2000, but 3 percent below 1999. Intended farrowings for June-August 2001, at 2.92 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period in 2000, but slightly below 1999.

HOGS & PIGS: MARCH 1 INVENTORY NUMBER, SOWS FARROWING, AND PIG CROP, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, 2000 & 2001

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	- - Thousand Head - -		Percent	- - Thousand Head - -		Percent
MARCH 1 INVENTORY:						
All Hogs and Pigs	1,230	1,300	106	57,782	58,754	102
Kept for Breeding	125	135	108	6,190	6,244	101
Market	1,105	1,165	105	51,593	52,510	102
MARKET HOGS & PIGS BY WEIGHT GROUP:						
Under 60 pounds	370	400	108	19,217	19,594	102
60-119 pounds	280	320	114	12,409	12,704	102
120-179 pounds	250	245	98	10,552	10,808	102
180 pounds and over	205	200	98	9,414	9,405	100
SOWS FARROWING:						
December 1/-February	58	64	110	2,798	2,836	101
March-May	62	66 2/	106	2,885	2,907 2/	101
December 1/-May	120	130 3/	108	5,683	5,743 3/	101
June-August	62	65 2/	105	2,889	2,917 2/	101
September-November	65	NA	--	2,848	NA	--
June-November	127	NA	--	5,737	NA	--
PIG CROP:						
December 1/-February	516	570	110	24,522	24,896	102
March-May	534	552	103	25,565	NA	--
December 1/-May	1,050	1,122	107	50,087	NA	--
June-August	558	NA	--	25,548	NA	--
September-November	579	NA	--	25,208	NA	--
June-November	1,137	NA	--	50,756	NA	--

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Actual farrowings for December 2000-February 2001 plus intentions for March-May 2001 NA = Not available.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in March was 104 based on 1990-92=100, up 4 points (4.0 percent) from the February index. Higher prices for hogs, broilers, milk, and cattle were partially offset by lower prices for apples, lettuce, strawberries, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of strawberries, asparagus, milk, and broilers were partially offset by lower marketings of cattle, cotton, oranges, and corn.

Compared with March 2000, the All Farm Products Index was 8 points (8.3 percent) higher. Price increases from March 2000 for milk, cattle, broilers, and strawberries were partially offset by lower prices for soybeans, corn, apples, grapefruit, and potatoes.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	Mar. 2000	Feb. 2001	Mar. 2001
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 96	100*	104
All crops	% 95	98*	100
Food grains	% 86	91	93
Feed grains & hay	% 90	90*	89
Oil bearing crops	% 88	80*	77
All livestock & products	% 96	102	107
Meat animals	% 95	98	103
Dairy products	% 91	100	104
Poultry & eggs	% 104	112	119
Prices Paid Index	% 119	124*	124
Ratio 1/	% 81	81*	84
Crop Sector	% 121	127*	127
Livestock Sector	% 117	120*	120

*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		Mar. 2000 1/	Feb. 2001 1/	Mar. 2001 2/	Mar. 2000 1/	Feb. 2001 1/	Mar. 2001 2/	Parity Price Mar. 2001
Dollars								
All Wheat	Bu.	2.71	2.92	2.85	2.59	2.83	2.89	9.69
Winter	Bu.	2.20	2.79	2.68	2.37	2.74	2.86	--
Durum	Bu.	6/	6/	6/	2.63	2.60	2.67	--
Other spring	Bu.	2.81	3.01	2.96	2.85	2.99	2.99	--
Corn	Bu.	1.76	1.75	1.69	2.03	1.96	1.91	6.61
Oats	Bu.	1.19	1.31	1.16	1.28	1.27	1.25	3.78
Soybeans	Bu.	4.61	4.25	4.11	4.91	4.46	4.29	14.40
All Barley	Bu.	2.11	1.91	1.94	2.23	2.07	2.16	6.46
Feed	Bu.	1.64	1.65	1.70	1.78	1.76	1.87	--
Malt	Bu.	2.28	2.01	2.03	2.53	2.21	2.36	--
Sunflower	Cwt.	6.69	6.29	6.49	8.53	7.38	7.86	--
Flaxseed	Bu.	6/	6/	6/	3.70	3.40	3.66	11.40
Sorghum	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	3.21	3.48	3.42	11.30
All Hay	Ton	43.00	73.00	72.00	74.80	86.80	87.20	--
Alfalfa	Ton	46.00	75.00	75.00	77.70	94.20	93.70	--
Other	Ton	29.00	52.00	57.00	68.90	71.20	71.30	--
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	11.90	13.00	13.60	32.20
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.382	0.509	0.518	1.56
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	78.50	80.30	81.80	69.80	74.80	77.00	159.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	82.70	85.20	86.00	73.40	78.90	81.10	--
Cows	Cwt.	40.90	40.80	43.60	39.00	42.70	43.20	--
Calves	Cwt.	107.00	104.00	104.00	109.00	109.00	111.00	209.00
All hogs	Cwt.	43.00	39.80	46.90	41.70	39.10	45.10	103.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	44.00	40.80	48.30	42.00	39.50	45.70	--
Sows	Cwt.	33.90	30.10	34.60	34.30	30.70	34.30	--
Sheep	Cwt.	39.80	49.40	5/	38.80	43.60	5/	72.70
Lambs	Cwt.	91.90	101.00	5/	80.20	80.10	5/	174.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined with allowance where necessary for slaughter bulls. 5/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 6/ Not published. Insufficient sales.

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April Cattle on Feed
January-March Milk Production
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March Slaughter & Cold Storage

GRAIN STOCKS

SOUTH DAKOTA: March 1 stocks of both soybeans and corn are at record levels. Large carry-over stocks, depressed prices, and excellent yields contributed to the large supplies. Total stocks included grain on farms, grain in mills and elevators, grain in government storage bins, and grain stored under the farmer-owned Grain Reserve Program. **Corn** stocks totaled 245.7 million bushels, up 12 percent from the record 220.2 million on March 1, 1999. On-farm grain stocks accounted for 200.0 million bushels, up 30 million bushels from last year.

Soybean stocks totaled 76.5 million bushels, up 29 percent from the 59.5 million last year. This was the highest March 1 stocks on record and follows record production. On-farm stocks represented 58.0 million bushels, compared to 44.0 million last March. **All wheat** stocks, at 66.6 million bushels, were down 9 percent from last year. On-farm stocks totaled 48.0 million, compared to 54.0 million last year. Off-farm stocks

were down 3 percent from last March. **Oat** stocks, at 8.7 million bushels, were up 10 percent from March 1, 2000. On-farm stocks were 8.0 million bushels, up 14 percent from last year. **Barley** stocks totaled 1.97 million bushels, up 19 percent from March 2000. On-farm stocks totaled 1.6 million bushels, up 23 percent from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: **Corn** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2001, totaled 6.04 billion bushels, up 8 percent from March 1, 2000. **All wheat** stored in all positions on March 1, 2001, totaled 1.34 billion bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2001, totaled 1.40 billion bushels, up 1 percent from March 1, 2000. **Barley** stocks in all positions on March 1, 2001, are estimated at 162 million bushels, down nearly 5 percent from March 2000. **Oats** stored in all positions on March 1, 2001, totaled 102 million bushels, slightly above the stocks on March 1, 2000.

STOCKS OF GRAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, MARCH 1, 2000 & 2001

Crop	On Farm			Off Farm			All Positions		
	2000	2001	2001 as % of All Positions	2000	2001	2001 as % of All Positions	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent	- Thousand Bushels -		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Corn	170,000	200,000	81	35,802	45,661	19	205,802	245,661	119
Barley	1,300	1,600	81	350	367	19	1,650	1,967	119
Sorghum	1/	1/	--	179	336	--	1/	1/	--
Soybeans	44,000	58,000	76	15,523	18,499	24	59,523	76,499	129
All Wheat	54,000	48,000	72	19,172	18,634	28	73,172	66,634	91
Oats	7,000	8,000	92	900	677	8	7,900	8,677	110
UNITED STATES									
Corn	3,300,000	3,600,000	60	2,301,895	2,437,353	40	5,601,895	6,037,353	108
Barley	59,300	58,600	36	110,917	103,421	64	170,217	162,021	95
Sorghum	51,700	40,100	24	173,932	125,211	76	225,632	165,311	73
Soybeans	730,000	780,000	56	665,986	624,821	44	1,395,986	1,404,821	101
All Wheat	424,680	389,750	29	991,841	949,824	71	1,416,521	1,339,574	95
Oats	53,300	55,800	55	48,500	46,319	45	101,800	102,119	100

1/ Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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